

3 February 2005

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Term 1 Calendar

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Monday 7 February

Opening Mass (Years 8 & 9)

Tuesday 8 February

Opening Mass (Years 10 - 12)
Year 12 Information Evening
7:00pm

Wednesday 9 February

Ash Wednesday

Thursday 10 February

MacKillop Year 8 & House
Leaders BBQ Breakfast
Commissioning Mass for Staff
Good Shepherd Lockridge
4:30pm

Friday 11 February

La Salle Year 8 & House Lead-
ers BBQ Breakfast
Elective Changes for Years 9 &
10 to be completed by today
ONSITE Induction

CANTEEN ROSTER

MONDAY:

D. Even, J. Liddle

TUESDAY:

T. Chave, M. Tadi

WEDNESDAY:

T. Quaglia, B. Burghall

THURSDAY:

D. Spencer, R. Palmieri

FRIDAY:

P. Gray, R. Velletri

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La Salle College
Delagram

The weekly newsletter of La Salle College

From the Principal,

Dear Members of the La Salle
Community,

It is interesting to observe how quickly
school life returns to the usual routine.
The vast majority of students have
displayed a very positive approach to
the new school year and are wearing
their uniform with pride.

As I have said on a number of
occasions in the Delagram, the best
way you can support your children
and their education is by taking a real
interest in all that is happening in the
College and working with us to bring
out the best in them. This does
include attending events such as the
Information Evenings as well as
Parent/Teacher interviews and other
organised activities. I encourage all
parents to engage in conversations
with your children about what is
happening at school.

SCHOOL CAP

We have introduced this year a school
cap which will be compulsory for all
outdoor Physical Education classes
and after school sporting
competitions. We would also expect
students to wear the cap at our
swimming carnival which will be held
later this month. The Student
Leadership Team were consulted last
year in the design and colour of our
new cap. I would appreciate parental
support with the stand we have taken
to help protect our students from the
dangers of exposure to the sun.

LIBRARY HOURS

The library will remain open until
5.00pm every Tuesday and
Wednesday in Term 1. This will give
our students the opportunity to use
the College facilities to research
for assignments or complete set
homework in a quiet air conditioned
environment. I look forward to seeing
our students make greater use of our
library after school.

ELLENBROOK/VINES BUS

We have begun running a bus to pick
up students who live in the
Ellenbrook/Vines district. This has
come about as a result of a strong
demand from our parents. The cost per
term is \$150.00 and at the moment we
have a few spare seats on the bus.
Please contact the College if you would
like to take up this offer.

Please be advised that we are still
finalising details for the Hills bus
service and parents will be advised
next week of a likely starting date.

COLLEGE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Late last year our Deputy Principal Ms
Debra Sayce was appointed to the
position of Assistant Deputy Director
at the Catholic Education Office. She is
in charge of the Faith Formation/
Religious Education section. We
congratulate Debra on this prestigious
appointment and wish her every
success in her new role. Debra has
been tying up some loose ends at
College over the last few weeks and
her last official day at La Salle will be
next Thursday 11 February. Thankyou
Debra for all that you have done at La
Salle.

We will be trialling a new Leadership
structure in Semester I. Mr Rino
Randazzo will continue in his role as
Deputy Principal. Mr Michael Pepper,
Ms Fiona Ali and Mr Danny Battistessa
will be the new Assistant Deputy
Principals. A detailed description of
each of their roles will be published in
next weeks Delagram. I look forward
to working closely with the members of
the College Leadership Team.

**THE TSUNAMI EARTHQUAKE
DISASTER**

We have all been shocked by this
terrible disaster which occurred on 26
December last year. Caritas Australia,
Catholic Education Offices and
Catholic Schools around Australia are
hosting a national fundraising event
this Friday 4 February called *Hands 4*



Hope. I am encouraging all students, teachers and office staff members at La Salle College to participate in the *Hands 4 Hope* and donate a gold coin.

We have also organised a reflection in our House groups to pray for the families who have lost their loved ones. I thank you for your anticipated support and may our students continue to be given every opportunity at La Salle to experience the love of Jesus Christ.

OPENING YEAR MASS 7/8 FEBRUARY

The celebration of the Eucharist is central to the life of a Catholic College. This year we will be celebrating our start to the new year with a mass in the gymnasium for our Year 8 and 9 students next Monday and our Year 10 – 12 students next Tuesday. The mass will begin at 8:45am on both days and parents are most welcome to join us. It is an opportunity for us at La Salle to ask the Lord to bless all that occurs in the College this year and to pray for support and encouragement.

ASH WEDNESDAY 9 FEBRUARY

Next Wednesday 9 February is Ash Wednesday. This is an important date in the Liturgical Calendar of the Church as it marks the beginning of Lent which leads into Easter. Lent is an important time for personal reflection and an opportunity to take stock and ask significant questions such as where are we heading with our lives.

Unfortunately in today's frantic world more often than not, we drift from one significant personal event in our lives to the next with very little reflection and as a result do not take the time to evaluate our lives.

YEAR 12 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING 8 FEBRUARY

An Information Evening for parents of Year 12 students will take place next Tuesday 8 February commencing at 7.00pm in the Auditorium. It is strongly recommended that parents attend this evening as very important information regarding your son/daughter's studies, school, course requirements and future directions will be discussed.

YEAR 12 STUDENT LEADERS CAMP 3 - 5 FEBRUARY

Our student leaders will be heading off after school today for a leadership development camp at Woodman Point. Ms Calleja, Mr Dyer and myself will be accompanying the students. We look forward to working closely with the students and helping them in their role as leaders in our school community. Leadership is not confined to the Student Leadership Team. This week at our Year 12 assembly I challenged all of our Year 12 students to be leaders at La Salle College in 2005.

2004 YEAR 12 RESULTS

Our 2004 Year 12 results in both TEE and Wholly Assessed Subjects across the board were quite pleasing and a slight improvement on the previous years results.

There were a number of students who achieved at a very high level and they are to be congratulated on their efforts. There are also some students who did not achieve at the level they were hoping for.

There can be no doubt that the College's academic results are very important and as teaching staff we do everything we can to ensure that our students achieve to their full potential. We also need the support of parents on the home front. This then is my goal for the new year; working together the school and the home can have a positive impact on our students. We want to provide the best possible education for students in our Catholic community environment.

Kind regards

Mr Michael Kenny
Principal

HANDS 4 HOPE

This Friday 4 February Catholic schools around Australia, in partnership with Caritas Australia, are uniting to respond to the critical need of our Asian neighbours who have been affected by the Boxing Day Tsunami. Students are requested to bring a gold coin donation with them on Friday so that a money chain can be constructed during a morning prayer service. ALL MONEY RAISED ON THE DAY WILL GO TO THE CARITAS TSUNAMI APPEAL. As part of the prayer service, students and staff will have the opportunity to write a prayer or a message of hope on an outline of a 'hand'. The hands will then be displayed around the school as a show of solidarity for our neighbours affected by the crisis. Your support and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Mr A. Martino

Learning Area Coordinator - Religious Education





2004 YEAR 12 STAR PERFORMERS

I am pleased to inform you that La Salle College had eleven students achieve a Tertiary Entrance Rank (TER) above 90 (indicating their performance was within the top 10% in the state) in the Tertiary Entrance Examination (T.E.E.) results. The top three students *Caitlin Powell*, *Keith Wetton* and *Alexander Mayberry* had a TER above 95. A Certificate of Distinction (students who achieve in the top 0.5% for the subject) was awarded to *Alissa Schultink* and *Ryan Ammendolea* for the subject Interactive Media.

The College was also a top ten school (defined by the proportion of students who achieved a grade of "A" in that subject) in the subjects Early Childhood Studies, Independent Living and Metals Technology.

On behalf of the College community I wish to congratulate all these students and hope that they continue their standard of excellence within their chosen fields of study or work.

Mr R. Randazzo
Deputy Principal

YEAR 12 MOTIVATIONAL DAY

Year 12s began the academic year with a visit from two inspirational guest speakers who spoke about achieving dreams through hard work and perseverance. Graham Corry is a man who lost his sight at the age of 35 years but has gone on to continue working on cars and has developed a new career as an 'after dinner speaker'. This new career has enabled him to travel Australia and compete in international speaking competitions. His wonderful sense of humour and appreciation of all that life has to offer, was truly an inspiration.

The afternoon guest speaker was the lovely media personality, Tina Altieri, who combined some fun and group work to send a clear message about not accepting mediocrity and to persevere in following your dreams. Her warm and friendly manner endeared her to all. It was a great pleasure to have her at our College and she is keen to come back and do some other workshops with our students. Hopefully the Year 12 students were able to take some inspiration from these speakers and are ready to give their all to their final year of schooling.

Ms N. Calleja
Year 12 Coordinator

YEAR 11 PARENTS

Please add to your calendar a meeting for the parents of Year 11 students on Tuesday 15 February at 7:00 pm. A letter will be sent home containing more details at a later date.

Ms F. Rogan
Year 11 Coordinator

During Semester Two a number of staff undertook training for the Seasons for Growth Program. This program acknowledges that change and loss are issues that affect all of us at some stage in our lives. At La Salle College we recognise that when changes occur in families through death, separation, divorce or related circumstances, young people may benefit from learning how to manage these changes effectively. We are going to offer this very successful 8 - 10 week education program called Seasons for Growth in 2005. This program is facilitated in small groups and is based on research which highlights the importance of social support and the need to practise new skills to cope effectively with change and loss.

The program focuses on issues such as self-esteem, managing feelings, understanding grief, problem-solving, decision-making, effective communication and support networks. La Salle College is pleased to be able to offer this important program in 2005 and we are confident that it will be a valuable learning experience for those who request to be involved. Preliminary expressions of interest are welcome. Please leave your details with the College Reception on 9274 6266 or contact Ms Tedeschi, Site Coordinator for the Program at the commencement of Term One 2005.

Ms C. Tedeschi
College Psychologist

YEAR 8 CAMP

This is to remind you that the Year 8 Camp commences on Wednesday 16 February and will run to Friday 18 February. All students are expected to attend. If for any reason your child is unable to come, please inform me as soon as possible. Permission slips should be returned to the Administration Office by Monday 7 February. If you are uncertain as to whether these permission slips have been completed by you, please contact me or send me a note. Parental assistance is still required, particularly on Friday afternoon. Should you be able to help, please let me know. More details will be given in the next Delagram.

Mr P. Elloy
Year 8 Coordinator



ACC SWIMMING TRAINING

ACC Swimming training commences on Monday 7 February at 7:00am and will be held each Monday and Thursday morning until the ACC Carnival is held on Wednesday 16 March 2005. It is an expectation that students who are invited, attend each session. The training dates will be issued to each student who is selected; however, other capable swimmers are also encouraged to attend. Please see a member of the Physical Education Department if you have any queries.

Mr S. Lombardi
Learning Area Coordinator
Health & Physical Education

NWAS TRAINING

The NWAS after school sporting competition is on again. If your child has signed up for a team, then they are required to be at the selection training after school in Week 2 and Week 3. Year 8s will be on Tuesday and Year 9 and 10s will be on a Wednesday from 3:15 - 4:15pm. If they are selected for a team, then you will receive a commitment contract which will need to be signed and handed back to me. If you can offer your help in the way of umpiring or coaching in one of the following sports or have any queries about the competition then can you please contact me at the College.

- Boys Cricket
- Boys or Girls Basketball
- Touch Rugby
- Volleyball (Indoor Beach)
- Boys and Girls Tennis

Ms A. Jones
Sports Coordinator

DONATION OF A ROTARY HOE

Parents and friends of the Lasallian community, Mr Sorgiovanni has over the last two years carried out a Vegetable Garden Programme with his Year 10 Science class with all funds raised going to purchase a food hamper for the St Vincent de Paul Society. Last year we raised \$105. It is planned to continue with this in 2005 and in order to make life a little easier he is asking for the generous donation of a rotary hoe (condition not important as we will fix). Mr Sorgiovanni or Mr Frawley from the Maintenance Department can be contacted at the College.



ARTS ACTION
Term 1, Week 1 2005

2005 has begun with La Salle College bringing together the three awesome subjects of *Drama, Music* and *Visual Arts* to create a new, exciting ARTS Department. Make sure you watch this Delagram space each and every week to keep up to date on all the action, activities and amazing antics that are sure to come out of this dynamic department!

Ms N. Lake
Learning Area Coordinator -The Arts

Instrumental & Vocal Lessons Commence in Week 2!

Students who wish to enrol in music lessons are still able to do so. Information sheets and Enrolment Forms are available from the Arts Department upstairs in the Gymnasium. (Laurence Murphy Hall)

Bands, Choirs and Ensembles

La Salle College offers several ensembles, including; Chapel Choir, College Choir, Song Force, Chamber Ensemble, Junior Band and Senior Band. The Percussion Ensemble is new this year and is to be directed by Mr Paul Tanner. If your son/daughter would like to participate in any of these ensembles, further information and an Enrolment Form are available from the Arts Department up in the Music area. These ensembles are scheduled to perform in a number of exciting events, Masses, Liturgies and Concerts during the year.

Weekly rehearsals for **Term One** are as follows:

- College Choir Monday 3:30 to 4:45pm
- Percussion Ensemble Monday 7:15 to 8:15am
- Junior Band Thursday 3:15 to 4:15pm
- Senior Band Wednesday 3:15 to 4:45pm
- Jazz Ensemble Wednesday 5:00 to 6.00pm
- Chamber Ensemble Friday 3:15 to 4:15pm



What lies behind us, and what lies before us are tiny matters, compared to what lies within us.

Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803 - 1882) American essayist, poet and philosopher.

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